Lynchburg Lions Club Helped Stir Interest In Project Here

Lynchburg, Va.

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Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:

I was interested in your announcement over the radio regarding the celebration of the opening of the McLean House at Appomattox and thought that you might be interested in mentioning in your broadcast and, possibly, in your paper, the fact that the Lions Club of Lynchburg initiated the movement which culminated in the present development of the Appomattox Battlefield and environs.

"The Lynchburg News of July 15, 1927, contains an article entitled "Move to establish Park at Appomattox" (or words to that effect), and gives a full statement of the activities in the Lions Club of Lynchburg which initiated the successful movement to have the park established.

The Committee appointed by the Lions Club on July 14, 1927, to initiate the move to establish the park were; as stated in the Lynchburg News of July 15, 1927, as follows: H. C. Featherston, Chairman; Thomas J. Ingram, Jr., R. O. Brannon, Thomas Kirkpatrick and Forest Whitaker.

Congress having repatedly made it clear that no national park or memorial would be established at Appomattox unless approved by the United Confederate Veterans as Republic, the Committee of the Lions Club of Lynchburg prepared a resolution making it clear that any park established would be a memorial to both the Confederates and Federals. This resolution was sent to Colonel W. B. Freeman, father of Historian Douglas Freeman and he, in behalf of the committee, had the resolution adopted by the United Confederate Veterans at their Little Rock, Arkansas Convention, May 10, 1928. The GAR, of course, approved and, later, Congressman Joel Flood brought the movement to a successful conclusion.

The resolution prepared by the Lions Club Committee reads as follows:

WHEREAS, there has been inaugurated by certain patriotic and civic organizations of Virginia a movement to establish a National Military Park on the famous field at Appomattox, Virginia, where terminated the greatest war ever fought on the Western Hemisphere; and,

WHEREAS, the records of American valor are the common heritage of all the people of the nation and are local to no section; and,

WHEREAS, the nation has already delayed too long the establishment of a great national memorial to the valor of the men who contended in the struggle which gave American manhood well nigh its supreme test, and out of which came the spirit which has since made us factor in two great foreign wars and over many domestic problems of peace: NOW, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans in annual meeting, that this organization heartily favors the establishment of a great National Military Park at Appomattox as a memorial to the valor of the two magnificent armies and the peace through which they were cemented into the greatest nation on earth."

Hoping that this data may be of use to you and with congratulations on your successful broadcasting,

Yours very truly,

H. C. FEATHERSTON.

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ANSWER: A blood disease of cattle which is spreading slowly throughout the country. Veterinarians say it's the third most costly cattle disease in America.

QUESTION: How does it affect cattle?

ANSWER: The heart beats faster, the skin may get yellowish, milk production falls off; the animal gets listless and loses weight rapidly. A laboratory test often shows the dot-like parasite in red blood cells.

QUESTION: What causes anaplasmosis?

ANSWER: A tiny parasite which is sometimes carried by flies, mosquitoes and ticks. Anaplasmosis may also be spread by unsterilized vaccination needles and dehorning instruments.

When the infection is well established it destroys red blood cells.

QUESTION: Do cattle die from it?

ANSWER: Yes. From one-fifth to one-third of the infected animals die. The ones that don't die remain carriers of the disease parasites.

QUESTION: What should the owner do with cattle that recover?

ANSWER: Usually, because recovered animals are carriers, it's best to fatten them, and send them to market, but that depends upon the local disease conditions.

The meat and milk from these animals is safe for human consumption.

QUESTION: Is it a summertime disease?

ANSWER: Usually, although it may appear during the winter in regions with mild climates. Also, it is mainly a disease of mature animals; young calves seldom get it.

QUESTION: Is there a vaccine available?

ANSWER: Yes, but research veterinarians are still trying to develop one. Also, they are using several drugs for treating the disease, but they have not yet found one that is entirely satisfactory. Many infected animals can be saved, however, if treatment is started soon enough.

NOTE—Due to space limitations, general questions cannot be handled by this column.

Rocks

Rocks, April 10.- The Farmers are busy with their spring work.

Mrs. Richard Inge, Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson were the ones from Rocks who attended the Associational W. M. S. meeting last Wednesday at Falling River Church, near Brookneal.

Schools closed for Easter on last Thursday.

Christine Dickerson was quite sick last Friday night.

Mrs. Maude Ranson went to Lynchburg Saturday to see her sister, Mrs. Martha Williams, who was quite ill at a hospitall there.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marks, of Lynchburg spent Saturday night with their daughter, Mrs. Edward Ranson and her husband.

Ruth Ranson is on the sick list.

Mrs. Harry Ranson is out again, after having the flu. Also Mrs. Wilson Almond.

Mrs. Lillian Hartaag and son, Keith called to see Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach awhile Sunday afternoon.

Doris Evelyn Wilson and Jean Jennings were in Appomattox Saturday.

An Easter Egg Hunt was given the children this afternoon.

The quarterly business meeting of the church will be held on this Saturday, April 15th, at 2:30.

Flying Bixby's land on Midway Island.

Truman begins his sixth year as President.

Termite Invasion Endangers Vatican's Valuable Records

NEW YORK.—An invasion by white ants at the Vatican not long ago caused concern for the safety of the Holy City's valuable archives, according to the Times of London.

The insects first were noticed in the apartment of Cardinal Giovanni Mercati, librarian and archivist of the Holy Roman Church, and in the adjacent courtyard of the Pappagallo, near which the archives of the Vatican secretariat are kept.

The termites evidently had been doing their constructive work for a long time, for in the cardinal's apartment a ceiling beam had cracked and threatened to collapse.

Men Freed from Buchenwald Detail Russian Cruelties

BERLIN, GERMANY. — Weary men, trudging into the safety of west Berlin from Russian-operated concentration camps of Buchenwald were telling grisly stories of mistreatment and horror.

They were released German prisoners drifting in since the Russians closed the camp.

Latest arrivals said that about 24,000 persons had perished in the camp since the Russians reopened it for political prisoners. One refugee said that deaths during an epidemic in the first four months of 1947 were at the rate of 60 to 80 a day.

And there was hunger, a companion added.

Another man said that some mornings the Russian guards would call out the regular work detail with the words: "Come on, come on. Today we kill three fascists."

He said the Russians guarding timber cutting details then would order all men to stand rigid when a tree was felled, on pain of being shot.

"Usually a tree fell on one or two men. Of course, they were killed. One more death and the quota was filled for the day."

The men said the Russians found prisoners trading hoarded trinkets to Russian guards for cigarettes or bits of food.

"So one day a Russian beckoned to a prisoner. The prisoner went to the fence and the guard turned his tommy gun loose. They had a detail carry the man through the camp as an object lesson."

The refugees wouldn't give their names. All said they had relatives in the Soviet zone of Germany.

Immigrant Boy Proves Hero In Routing Would-Be Bandit

CLEVELAND, OHIO. — A sixth-grade boy who came to the United States two years ago from Croatia boldly attacked a masked gunman here and prevented the intruder from robbing the youngster's beverage store.

John Badovinac, Jr., 12, knocked a .38 caliber pistol from the robber's hand after a driver for the store had distracted the bandit's attention by throwing a can of beer. The boy snatched a mask from the intruder's face.

John Badovinac, Sr., then came out of a stockroom and kicked the robber in the stomach. That was enough for the disarmed gunman—he fled through a glass door without bothering to open it.

Trinity Road

Trinity Road, April 12.- Hope every one had a nice Easter and attended Easter services. Be sure and go to the church of your choice on Sunday.

Mr. Clayton Drinkard and son, Wade, and Mr. Kern Mays, Mrs. Bob Martin and son, Randolph; Mrs. H. O. Martin and daughter, Mrs. Allen Gardner and Mr. Gardner attended the sunrise service at Natural Bridge Sunday.

Mrs. John Watson and children of Staunton spent several days last week with Mrs. Watson's mother, Mrs. Lula Taylor.

Mrs. John P. Alvis and children, Betty Jane and John, III, spent Sunday and Monday in Orange with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stratton and son, Bruce, motored to Richmond last Sunday. Mr. Stratton returned home and Mrs. Stratton and baby stayed for a week's visit, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. E. H. Carson continues ill. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Those who attended the Wheeler-Lipscomb marriage on Ward's Road and reception at Fort Hill Club, Lynchburg last Friday night included Mrs. Rufus Burnette and daughters, Misses Nadine and Louise Mrs. Clayton Drinkard and son, Tye Cobbs Miss Rose Morrell and Tommie Rae Burnett; Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler and daughters, Misses Betsy and Bertha; Mrs. Anna Lee, Mrs. Lee Wheeler, Mrs. Mary Lucy Alvis, of Sprout Spring; Miss Helen Elder and Mr. Bob Wheeler, of Richmond. Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr. and daughter, Cathy.

Mrs. S. E. Anderson was hostess to a dinner party Sunday honoring two of her daughters' birthdays, Mrs. John D. Ripley, Jr., of Lynchburg and Mrs. Martin Kraus, of Concord. Another daughter, Mrs. John Smith and daughter Bettie, of Abingdon were also guests and remained over for a week's visit. Other guests included Mr. Ripley and sons, Danny and Sammy, and Mrs. Kraus.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Drinkard and Glenn Drinkard, of Lynchburg visited their mother, Mrs W. H. Drinkard in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard Monday as dinner guests.

Don't forget to go to Appomattor Sunday afternoon and see Lee and Grant restage the Surrender again. (Editor's note: and be there by 1:00 P. M)

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Parris and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martin included: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Woodson and daughter, Leone, of Lynchburg; Miss Thelma Story, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Jimmy Guill and son, J. D. of Appomattor; W. C. Story and Emory Martin, of Beckham; Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and son, Jimmy, of Walker's Ford; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Carson, Mrs. W. A. Weakley and son, Fred; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harris, of Portsmouth, and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and daughter, Gale, of Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sandidge, of Lynchburg were the Saturday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Parris.

Mrs. P. B. Stratton visited her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Kent and Mr. Kent in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Whitlow, of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Shearer Weakley, of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harris, of Portsmouth visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weakley for the week-end and attended the Wood - Weakley marriage on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Winston Martin and little daughter, Gloria Kay, of Beckham, were guests of Mrs. Claude Martin and baby Monday P. M. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Martin and son, Don, and Mr. Virgil Grow, of Lynchburg were also guests on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Dick Thomas and children, Pete and Sally, of Senatobia, Miss. arrived last week for a visit with Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton. Mrs. Thomas will return in a few weeks and Pete and Sally expect to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay Parker and daughter, Miss Barbara, of Minneapolis, Minn., were overnight guests of Mrs. Thomas and Mrs Stratton last week.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A surprise birthday party was given Miss Joyce Harris April 5th, at 8:00 o'clock, at her home. The colors were pink and green. After games were played, a huge cake was cut and served with punch. Joint hostesses were Miss Peggy Harris and Miss Dura Dunn. Many beautiful presents were received.

Those present were: Mrs. J. F. Dunn, Miss Lura Dunn, Misses Carol Ann, Frances Elaine and Joanne Dunn, and Miss Janet Ford, all of Evington, Va.; Carl and Billy Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Arrington; Misses Ruth, Shirley, Betty and Faye Arrington, Kenneth and Tommy Arrington, Miss Margaret Richardson and Walter Richardson, Jr.; Mrs. Harris, Misses Peggy, Marilyn and Joyce Harris, Miss Rachel Baldwin, Melvin and Burley Harris, Jr.

Bear Cats Play Here Sunday

The Appomattox Bear Cats played their opening baseball game here Sunday with the Danville Aces as opponents. The game was exciting all the way and ended 3 to 3 at the close of 10 innings.

They will play the Lynchburg Indians here Sunday, April 16, at 3:00 o'clock. These two clubs played an exhibition game at Amherst April 2, the Bear Cats winning 10 to 6.

Four boys die chasing canoe on Lake Erie.

Be at the Old Court House not later than 1:00 P.M. Sunday for the Dedication ceremony.

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Overflow Throng Jams Appomattox For Colorful Dedication Event

From a flag-draped speak er's stand, decked with broadcastin g microphones and before a battery of photographers, Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, principal speaker at the McLean House Dedication here on Sunday afternoon, declares that Appomattox represents the reconciliation of gentlemen with gentlemen.

Above: This view of the ribbon-cutting ceremony on the steps of the McLean House here Sunday shows Robert E. Lee, IV, and U. S. Grant, III, before a battery of photographers from press associations, magazines, and newsreels. This scene followed the parade of VMI and Marine Bands.

Above: Lee and Grant again at Appomattox! Robert E. Lee, IV, of San Francisco, and U. S. Grant, III, of Washington, as did their famed ancestors meet at the McLean House to dedicate the rebuilt shrine of national peace and unity. This color ful ceremony was witnessed by an unprecented throng of thousands.

Above: View of the background crowd, as Robert E. Lee, IV, and Gen. U. S. Grant, III, cut ribbon on McLean House steps here Sunday at Dedication ceremony. —Lynchburg NEWS photo.

The Traffic Jam of All Traffic Jams

Appomattox was still rubbing its eyes as we go to press, over recollections over Sunday's fabulous traffic jam, as untold hundreds of thousands started for the Dedication ceremony at the Old Court House never got there.

As beautiful and perfect a spring day as can ever been seen in Virginia brought to Appomattox one of the largest crowds ever gathered for a peacetime in the Old Dominion.

Some of Virginia's larger daily papers had this to say Monday: Yesterday, Appomattox was the Virginia town noted throughout United States chiefly because it's the place where Lee and Grant met to bury the hatchet. But the dedication services there today, it will no doubt be remembered by future historians as the place where Virginia's greatest traffic jam took place."

Thus, the estimate of the size of the ... throng had to be revised upward. Hundreds of people were at the McLean House by ten A. M. Sunday morning. Exercises were scheduled to begin at 1:30, and the crowds that poured in were there by noon. The traffic jam started piling up soon after noon. By 1:30 the crowd had jammed to nearly 20,000. But by that time a bumper-to-bumper mass of cars had backed up for ten miles along Route 460 and Route 460 itself for two miles from the McLean House. And the traffic denseness spread all the way to Lynchburg. Hunderds arrived after the Dedication was all over, and several thousand never got to the Old Court House at all. Thus, it would be proper to estimate that the number of people at, around and en route to Appomattox Sunday was approximately 30,000.

An efficient force of State Police did everything seemingly possible at the moment to move traffic. It was "just one of those things." The advance publicity and the general interest in "The Appomattox Story" was simply greater than anyone had anticipated—and it was a beautiful spring Sunday!

Local people are still comparing records for the drive to and from the McLean House and the Route 460 intersection. One hour each way was not far above the average for the two miles. One man was a bit late with his ... in Appomattox. When he arrived at the McLean House, the program was over, so he circled around and headed back home. The four-mile round trip took 3 hours. It took another two hours just to

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Appomattox: The Reconciliation of Gentlemen!

Sunday, April 16 saw Appomattox have its greatest day since April 9, 1865. Before a throng estimated at from 20,000 to 30,000, the rebuilt McLean House was dedicated as a shrine of peace. The home of Wilmer McLean, scene of the peace ending the War Between the States was dedicated in a never-to-be-forgotten ceremony.

Gray-uniformed VMI Cadets, led by a replica of their famed New Market battle flag, paraded to the tune of Dixie to escort Robert E. Lee, IV, to the McLean House. And blue-clad Marines of the Quantico Marine Schools Band, and color-guard, escorted Gen. U. S. Grant, III, to a Dedication rendezvous and a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the porch of the McLean House, which has been rebuilt by the National Park Service.

It was a hushed and respectful crowd, gathered on a beautiful Virginia spring Sunday afternoon. The ceremonies began soon after 1 P. M., but the crowd had started gathering before noon. Portions of the program were broadcast over a dozen or more radio stations. Photographers had a field day.

Congressman W. M. Abbett presided at the speaking ceremony on a flag-draped stand opposite the McLean House. Pas enders of Wilmer McLean were present Rev. W. M Thompson gave the invocation at 2 P. M. Judge Joel W. Flood introduced the noted author, editor and historian, Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, of Richmond. His address retraced the closing weeks of the War Between the States and events of April 9, 1865. He called the rebuilt McLean House a monument to peace and the reconciliation of "gentlemen with gentlemen." He was emphatic in praising the dignity of Lee and the generosity of Grant in making peace terms to insure the cementing of a new union.

At the climax of his address, he held aloft a battle-scarred Confederate flag and declared that it had

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